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COUNTRY: East Germany

REPORT

TOPIC: Military Activities in the Area of the Third Shock Army, Particularly  
the Wittstock Area

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REMARKS:

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1. On 24 January 1955, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne (5342) and the Artillerie Kaserne (5341) in Perleberg were occupied to capacity by an estimated 1,000 and 2,000 soldiers respectively. Motor vehicles seen at the Fliegerhorst Kaserne included jeeps

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2. On 14 January, reports of artillery pieces were heard from the direction of the Wittstock training grounds throughout the day.

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On 15 January, a column including 2 mortars, 3 heavy and 10 light AT guns, 1 truck and 1 field kitchen passed through Wittstock. The column came from the direction of Babitz.

3. On 27 January, it was learned that the units, which were absent from the Perleberg Fliegerhorst, were expected to return to the post on 27 and 28 January.

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4. At 1000 on 27 January, large troop assemblies with 16x100-mm AT guns, numerous trucks and jeeps, field kitchens and radio trucks were seen at the Wittstock railroad station. Between 1120 and 1530, traffic control posts were seen on the Schweinrich-Wittstock-Pritzwalk-Perleberg road as far as Fliegerhorst. Heavy traffic by columns was observed on the Schweinrich-Wittstock road.

Comment. About 27/28 January, a major exercise, presumably of elements of the IX Litz Rifle Corps was probably held in the Wittstock training area. Other reports had already mentioned preparations for an exercise in this area. The transfer of 10 Il-28 and 9 Il-10 aircraft to Wittstock airfield, which was reported, may have been made in connection with the exercise. The aircraft were started on 28 January. A joint employment with ground forces could not be observed, however.

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